

U.S. Consulate General

Mumbai, India

Please follow these steps to prepare for your immigrant visa interview at the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai, India.

Step 1: Register online and schedule a biometrics appointment

Once you receive your appointment letter, you **must** register online at <u>ustraveldocs.com</u>, select your visa pick-up location, and schedule an appointment for your photograph and fingerprints to be taken at one of our Visa Application Centers in India.

Registration is free. Click the "Register" button below to register. If you want to cancel or reschedule your appointment, you will be able to do so after you register online.

IMPORTANT! Failure to schedule and complete your biometrics appointment at a Visa Application Center will result in the <u>cancellation</u> of your consulate visa interview.

Register

Step 2: Get a medical exam in India

As soon as you receive your appointment date, you must schedule a medical exam in India. Click the "Medical Exam Instructions" button below for the list of approved panel physicians in India. Please schedule and attend a medical exam with one of these physicians before your interview.

Medical Exam Instructions

Step 3: Complete your pre-interview checklist

It is important that you bring all required original documents to your interview. We have created a checklist that will tell you what to bring. Please print the checklist below and bring it to your interview along with the listed documents.

Pre-Interview Checklist

Step 4: Review interview guidelines

Read our interview guidelines to learn about any special actions that you need to take *before* your visa interview.

Interview Guidelines

Contact information

U.S. Consulate General C-49, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra East, Mumbai 400051 India

- Phone:
 Call Center
- Email:
 support-india@
 ustraveldocs.com
- Website: in.usembassy.gov
- Map:



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Interview Preparation Video



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Now that you are scheduled for an Immigrant or fiancée visa interview, you must schedule a medical examination with one of the authorized physicians on the List of Approved Panel Physician Sites for India (list is below). Please schedule your medical examination with any approved panel physician site at least seven days before your immigrant visa appointment.

Please carry the following items for each family member when you attend your medical examination:

- Original appointment letter
- Passport
- Four recent photographs
- All medical records of vaccinations, prior illnesses or treatments. You must discuss your medical history and current conditions, including, but not limited to, pregnancy, diabetes, hypertension and other conditions and medications taken, with the physician.
- DS-260 confirmation page

Authorized panel physicians are licensed to practice in India and the examinations they give to visa applicants conform to standards prescribed by the United States Public Health Service. Any attempt by an applicant to influence the panel physician's medical judgment will reflect unfavorably on the visa application.

When your examination is completed, the doctor will either provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope or send them directly to the U.S. Consulate. IF GIVEN AN ENVELOPE TO CARRY TO YOUR INTERVIEW, **DO NOT OPEN THIS**ENVELOPE. Instead, bring it to your visa interview.

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The following fees for panel physicians have been authorized by the U.S. Consulate General Mumbai, effective October 1, 2022

	Apollo (APHC) Chennai	Apollo Hospital Gandhinagar	Apollo Clinic Surat	CMM Hyderabad	MAX Delhi	MAX Mohali	Rele Mumbai
Child (Below 2 years)	7500	4300	4400	10000	8950	8950	9000
Child (2 - 14 years)	23500	10000	9650	18500	18850	18850	21000
Adult (15 to 17 years)	10000	6900	6750	13000	10200	10200	12000
Adult (18 to 24 years)	23500	15300	15550	19000	20700	20700	22500
Adult (25 to 44 years)	10500	6900	7050	14000	10800	10800	12500
Adult (45 and above)	10000	6900	6700	13000	10200	10200	12000
Psychological Consultation (if required)	3500	1500	2350	3000	2900	2900	3000

Physical Examination: Required for all applicants, regardless of age.

Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA) Test: Required for applicants 2-14 years of age.

Chest X-ray (CXR): Required for all adult applicants aged 15 and above, or children who had exposure to TB cases or history of TB disease.

Syphilis Test: Required for applicants 18 to 44 years of age.

Gonorrhea Test: Required for applicants 18 to 24 years of age.

Vaccines

Panel physicians who conduct medical examinations of immigrant and K visa applicants are required to verify that applicants have met certain vaccination requirements, or that it is medically inappropriate for an applicant to receive one or more of the following vaccinations:

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DT/DTP/DTaP, Td, Polio (OPV/IPV), Measles (or MR or MMR), Mumps (or MMR), Rubella (or MR or MMR), Rotavirus, Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae Type B), Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Meningococcal, Varicella, Pneumococcal, Influenza, and COVID-19 (see below).



If you have already received some or all of the required vaccinations, you should bring your vaccination records with you to your medical exam for verification. Panel physicians will determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate. Only vaccinations verified or administered at the panel physician sites will be accepted.

The cost of required immunizations are subject to prevailing market prices.

COVID-19 Vaccination: Applicants are required to complete the COVID-19 vaccination series for visa issuance. The administered vaccine should be listed for emergency use by the World Health Organization (WHO) or the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (USFDA) must have licensed or authorized that particular vaccine. Please be advised that the medical examination report will not be issued until the applicant has completed the COVID-19 vaccination series.

Exemption: Children or young adults who have been advised by **National Command Operation Center (NCOC)** against receiving the COVID-19 immunization are exempt from this requirement. Applicants for whom the vaccine is contraindicated are required to provide all medical reports supporting the contraindication for their condition.

Please note: Applicants who cannot complete vaccination before their appointment should still plan to attend their scheduled visa interview; however, a visa cannot be issued until the medical exam is completed and forwarded to the Consulate.

LIST OF PANEL PHYSICIANS

CHENNAI

Apollo Personalized health check block (APHC block)

4th floor, Apollo Hospitals (Annex building) Wallace garden 1st street, Chennai, 600 006 Tel No: 044 4040 1066

https://chennai.apollohospitals.com/health-check/visa-medical-checks/united-states-of-america

DELHI

Max Med Centre

First Floor, 26 A, Ring Road, Lajpat Nagar-4 Lajpat Nagar, New Delhi -110024

Tel No: +91 8860444888

Time: Monday through Saturday (except for legal holidays) - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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GUJARAT

(1) Apollo Hospitals

Nr. Indira Bridge, Dist.: Gandhinagar Ahmedabad – 382428 **(2) Apollo Clinic**Mann Complex
Anand Mahal Road, Adajan
Surat



Tel No: 079-66701800, EXT. 2002 Tel No: 0261-2790202 /

Timing: 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Monday to Saturday) 9879767977

HYDERABAD

Center for Migration Medicine

A Wing, 2nd floor, 8-2-293/HH/89

Banjara Hills Road #12

Hyderabad

Telangana - 500034

migrationmedicine.com

Tel No: +91 40 2360 7770 (Prior appointment required)

MUMBAI

Rele Clinic

10AA, Gita Building

Pandita Ramabai Road, Gamdevi

Mumbai - 400007

Tel: 022-23613737 / 23613838

releclinic.com

PUNJAB

Max MedCentre

Plot A-19, Industrial Area Phase VI SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab-160055

Telephone: 91-172-5212000

Time: Monday through Saturday (except for legal holidays) - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

After the medical exam

When your examination is completed, the doctor will either provide you with exam results in a sealed envelope or send them directly to the U.S. Consulate. IF GIVEN AN ENVELOPE TO CARRY TO YOUR INTERVIEW, **DO NOT OPEN THIS ENVELOPE**. Instead, bring it to your visa interview.

Any x-rays will be given to you on a CD-ROM. You DO NOT need to bring the x-rays to your visa interview unless you suffer from tuberculosis. However, you **must** carry the CD-ROM with you when you travel to the United States for the first time. The medical report must be less than six (6) months old when you enter the United States as an immigrant.

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Please use the list below to determine the items that every applicant must bring to the immigrant visa interview.

IMPORTANT! All documents that are not in English must be accompanied by a notarized English translation:
A copy of your NVC interview letter (does not apply to Diversity Visa, fiancé(e), adoptive, or asylee/refugee applicants).
Unexpired passport valid for eight (8) months beyond your intended date of entry to the United States.
Two (2) color photographs of each person applying for a visa (5 cm x 5 cm). Please review our <u>online photo requirement</u> You must schedule an appointment to have your photograph and fingerprints captured at one of the five Visa Application Centers in India. Please visit <u>ustraveldocs.com/in</u> for information.
Confirmation page from the Form DS-260 Application for an Immigrant Visa you submitted online at ceac.state.gov/iv .
Your original birth certificate <u>and</u> a photocopy. If you do not have a birth certificate or your birth certificate is missing yo name, your date of birth, or the names of your parents, submit the following secondary evidence:
 A notarized affidavit executed by a parent, if living, or another close relative older than you. This affidavit should clearly state the relationship between the relative and you, how well the relative knows you, the date and place your birth, the names of both your parents, and any other related facts; OR
 School-leaving certificate, matriculation certificate or Certificate of Recognized Boards from the school you last attended; OR
 Your baptismal certificate from a church.
Medical examination results in a sealed envelope (if the physician gives you these results).
Original or certified copies of birth certificates for all children of the principal applicant (even if he or she is not accompanying).
Applicants who fall into any category listed in italics below should bring these additional documents:
For family-based visa applications:
The appropriate Form I-864 Affidavit of Support for each financial sponsor along with:
A photocopy of the sponsor's most recent IRS transcript which must be downloaded from the IRS website at

- https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript.
 - NOTE: The IRS tax transcript is <u>not</u> the same as a tax return;
 - NOTE: NVC strongly recommends the submission of tax transcripts since they typically provide the
 information necessary for an evaluation of completeness of the Affidavit of Support and result in more
 efficient processing.
- If you are unable to submit the IRS tax transcript, you may alternatively submit a photocopy of <u>both</u> the sponsor's (1) most recent U.S. federal income tax return, <u>and</u> (2) all W-2s documenting the income reflected on the federal income tax return.
- If applicable, you must also include an I-864A for each household member contributing income to meet the financial support requirement;

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visa issuance after the consular interview. Please review instructions from USCIS and prepare your Affidav
of Support documents carefully: Affidavit of Support USCIS.
Proof of your U.S. petitioner's status and <u>domicile</u> in the United States (photocopy of a U.S. passport, naturalization certificate, or lawful permanent resident card).
Evidence of the relationship between the petitioner and visa applicant (such as photographs, letters, or emails).
If you are 16 years of age or older: The original police certificate from your country of current residence and all countries of previous residence. If these three items are <u>all</u> true, you must bring a more recent police certificate to the interview:
 You are older than 16 years; The police certificate you submitted to NVC is more than two years old; and You still live in the country that issued the police certificate.
If you are a foreigner residing in India
If you are registered with the Foreigner Regional Registration Office (FRRO), obtain a police clearance certificate from them.
If you are a foreigner residing in India but are not registered with the FRRO, obtain a police clearance certificate from your District Police Station.

o NOTE! Incomplete or incorrect Affidavit of Support documentation is the most common cause for delay in

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If you are married: Your original marriage certificate and a photocopy.				
If you were previously married: Your original divorce or spouse's death certificate and a photocopy.				
0	Divorce between Hindus and Christians must be documented by a court order (divorce decree), not a deed of divorce.			
0	Divorce between Muslims must be documented by a certificate from the Kazi or head of the Jamaat.			
If you have ever been arrested or convicted of a crime: Court and criminal records and a photocopy.				
☐ If you have had any U.S. immigration violations: All documents relating to those violations.				
If you have served in any country's military: Military records and a photocopy.				
If you are adopted: Adoption papers or custody documents and a photocopy.				
	the petitioner's stepchild: The original marriage certificate of the petitioner and your biological parent and a y along with divorce records for any previous marriages of either parent.			
For emplo	syment-based visa applications: Letter from your U.S. employer dated less than one month ago.			

Interview Guidelines



Sending documents to the U.S. Consulate General in Mumbai

If your application requires additional documentation, you may submit the documents to any of our <u>11 document dropoff locations</u>. Do not send documents to the consulate by mail.

If you are requested to personally return to the consulate with additional documents or information, you must schedule a new appointment online at ustraveldocs.com (please select the "Embassy/Consulate Appointments" option).

Rescheduling or cancelling your interview

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please email support-india@ustraveldocs.com. There may be a significant wait before the next available appointment, so please attempt to attend the date already assigned.

- For some family-based and employment preference visa categories, a visa became available within the month you have been scheduled by NVC.
- DV applicants should be aware that visas are numerically limited and must be issued by September 30 of the program year. There is no guarantee that a visa will still be available on the date of your rescheduled interview. Please carefully consult the <u>Visa Bulletin</u> before you request to reschedule your interview.

Please note: You need to register your original NVC/KCC appointment online before you can reschedule it. Rescheduling is only possible on a date after your assigned appointment.

Security screening procedures

All visitors to the U.S. Consulate in Mumbai must follow certain security procedures. To avoid delaying your entry and that of those in line behind you, please bring only what is required for your interview in an unsealed plastic bag or folder. Mobile phones and most purses/bags are not permitted. We do not provide a facility for storage of any other items.

Accompanying persons

Attorneys are **not** permitted to accompany clients into the waiting room or to their interview. The following persons may accompany a visa applicant to their interview:

• Special Needs Visitors: Applicants may bring ONE person to help if they are elderly, disabled, or a minor child (under age 18).

Immigrant visa fees

If you have not paid all required fees to either the National Visa Center or via the appointment website, please be prepared to pay these fees on the day of your interview.

Fees may be paid by submitting a rupee bank draft drawn on a national or foreign bank. The bank draft must be issued in the name of "U.S. Consulate General Mumbai" and be payable in Mumbai. *Please note that if you are found ineligible to receive a visa, the application fee cannot be refunded*. A complete list of fees can be found via travel.state.gov.

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Do not make travel plans outside of India

If your visa is approved, the consulate will keep your passport while we print the visa.

Receiving your passport:

- If you choose to receive your passport through Premium Delivery, you will receive an SMS and email when your passport is dispatched.
- If you choose to retrieve your passport from a pick-up location, you will receive an SMS and email when your passport is ready to be collected. You must bring an original government-issued photo ID and a photocopy of the ID to collect your visa at the pick-up location you selected online at <u>ustraveldocs.com</u> (see <u>Step 1</u>).

After Your Visa Interview



A consular officer can make a decision on a visa application only after reviewing the formal application and interviewing the applicant. *There is no guarantee that you will receive a visa*. Do not sell your house, car or property, resign from your job or make non-refundable flight or other travel arrangements until you have received your immigrant visa.

If more information is needed

Sometimes a consular officer is unable to make a decision on a visa application because they need to review additional documents or the case requires further administrative processing. When additional documents are requested, the consular officer will give you a refusal letter that asks you to submit additional documents or take certain actions. The letter will include instructions on how to send those documents to the consulate.

Administrative processing takes additional time after the interview. Most administrative processing is resolved within 60 days. However, the timing varies based on the circumstances of each case. Before inquiring about the status of administrative processing, please wait at least 60 days after your interview.

What happens after visa approval

Passport, Visa, and Sealed Immigrant Packet – We will print your immigrant visa on a page in your passport. Please review your visa to make sure there are no spelling errors.

In some cases, we will also give you a sealed envelope containing documents that you must give to U.S. immigration authorities when you arrive in the United States for the first time. Do not open this envelope. You must carry it with you; do not put it in your checked luggage. If you receive X-rays during your medical examination, carry those with you and give them to the U.S. immigration authorities.

USCIS Immigrant Fee – All individuals who are issued immigrant visas overseas must **pay an <u>Immigrant Fee</u>** to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) *prior to traveling* to the United States. This fee is for processing your residency status and printing your Permanent Resident Card. The only people exempt from paying this fee are: children entering the United States under the Hague Process, returning residents, and people traveling on a K visa.

When You Should Travel – You must enter the United States *before* the expiration date on your visa, which is usually six months from the date of printing. Your visa cannot be extended and all fees are nonrefundable. The principal applicant must enter **before or at the same time** as other family members with visas. Unless they are eligible for benefits under the Child Status Protection Act, children who are issued a visa before turning 21 years of age must enter the United States *before* their 21st birthday to avoid losing their immigrant status.

Getting a Green Card – Your Form I-551 Permanent Resident Card, also known as a green card, will be automatically mailed to the address in the United States that you write in your visa application form. This is a very important document that proves you have permission to reside in the United States. *If you plan to travel outside the U.S. before your green card arrives*: Please consult <u>USCIS's</u> and <u>CBP's</u> websites for rules about what documents you need to re-enter the country. We also recommend you check with the airline to ensure you are in compliance with their rules. *Once your card is issued, you should not stay outside of the United States for more than one year. If you do, you will lose your status as a Lawful Permanent Resident.*

Children's Issues – In the United States, children are required to have certain vaccinations before they can enroll in school. We recommend that you bring your child's complete vaccination records with you to the United States. If your child is adopted, you have full custody because of a divorce, or you share custody with another parent, you should bring

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a copy of all applicable adoption or custody papers from the authoritative court in your home country. You will need these papers (translated into English) for issues such as school enrollment, medical care, and eventual citizenship.

Information for New Immigrants – Please visit the USCIS web page for helpful information on moving to the United States. You can read their publication "Welcome to the United States: A Guide for New Immigrants" online.

Diversity Visa Applicants – Additional Information



If you are interviewing for a Diversity Visa (DV), all the above instructions apply to you. Please schedule and attend a medical examination prior to your visa interview; enroll in the required courier service; and gather the required documents.

Below are additional instructions that apply only to DV applicants.

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n addition to the documents listed on the <u>Pre-Interview Checklist</u> in this package, DV applicants should also bring the following items to your visa interview:
Appointment information printed from the "Entrant Status Check" on the <u>E-DV website.</u>
Documents showing that you have either a qualifying high school education <u>OR</u> two (2) years of qualifying work experience in the five (5) years immediately prior to application (for the principal applicant only; more information is available via <u>travel.state.gov</u>).
Payment in cash of the \$330 Diversity Visa Application Fee for <u>each</u> visa applicant.

Review your DV Lottery entry

Prior to your visa interview, we recommend that you review the data on your initial E-DV entry. On your initial E-DV application, you must have correctly entered your marital status. If you are legally married you must have listed your spouse, even if you are currently separated from him/her (unless your spouse is a U.S. citizen or Lawful Permanent Resident).

Additionally, you must have listed ALL of your living children who are unmarried and under 21 years old. This includes your natural children, your spouse's children, or children you have formally adopted in accordance with the laws of your country.

Failure to have listed an existing spouse or children at the time of your entry in the Diversity Visa lottery will result in the denial of your visa and visas for your family. Any fees paid to the U.S. government in support of your visa application(s) are nonrefundable. If you failed to include a child who had already been born, or a spouse to whom you were married when you entered the lottery, you should not proceed with the visa application. You can review the eligibility requirements online.